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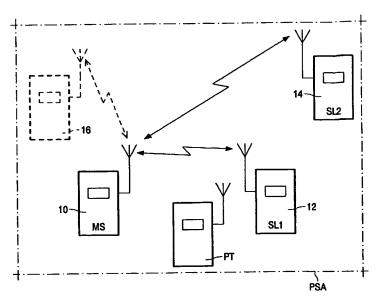
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(57) Abstract: A method of protecting an apparatus from radio frequency interference, comprises a policing terminal (PT) detecting the presence of an interfering radio terminal (16) in the protected environment and actively rendering ineffective or terminating transmissions by the interfering radio terminal. Various options can be followed by the policing terminal (PT) including (a) attempting to become the master station of a network of which the interfering terminal is a member and instructing the members to close down or (b) failing to become the master station and transmitting interference signals for at least a selected portion, for example preamble and sync, of the duration of a data packet transmitted by the interfering station.

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